DemiSemiQuaver

The 32nd Annual UK Filk Convention

February 7th-9th 2020

Marks Tey

Progress Report 2

November 2019

Hello and welcome to the second progress report for DemiSemiQuaver!

This PR includes:

- Hotel information & booking form;
- A membership form, including online payment options;
- Beer plea;
- At-the-con information;
- A set request form (only a few slots remaining); and
- A current membership list.

The destructive kitty on the front cover is helping us to make more demisemiquavers…. After all, a demisemiquaver, or thirty-second note (hence the name of the 32nd Filk convention), is a note played for 1⁄32 of the duration of a whole note (or semibreve)…. It is such a mere mote of a note that we're fairly sure it was broken into pieces by *something.*

(And a huge thank you to FanTom for the cover art)

DemiSemiQuaver Online

Our website can be found at: http://www.contabile.org.uk/demisemiquaver/

You can also find us on Facebook, for ease of sharing with friends who may be interested in coming:

https://www.facebook.com/events/1192020240969870/

Tickets can be purchased at: https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/demisemiquaver

You can contact the committee (Janet, Katie, and Phil) on the Facebook page, or at: demisemiquavercon@gmail.com.

Hotel Information & Bookings

We are once again returning to the Marks Tey Best Western Hotel, near Colchester, which is just off the A12, and is also relatively easy to reach *via* public transport. The address is: **Marks Tey Hotel,** London Road**,** Marks Tey**,** Colchester**,** Essex**,** CO6 1DU**.**

You can see details of the hotel here: http://www.marksteyhotel.co.uk/

The hotel has a large car park, and parking is free. Marks Tey train station is a relatively short walk away. If this walk is too much for you, we may be able to coordinate lifts from the station, so please contact us to see if we can help.

As ever, the hotel room prices have gone up a little this year, and are as follows:

Room only (per night):	**Room plus breakfast(per night):**
Single Room: £72	Single Room: £80
Double/Twin Room: £77	Double/Twin Room: £88
Adjoining Room (4 adults): £140	Adjoining Room (4 adults): £160
Adjoining room (2 adults, 2 children): £120	Adjoining room (2 adults, 2 children): £140

We have to get a final list of hotel bookings to the hotel by the end of December, so please get all booking forms back to us (by post or by email) by **December 15th** at the latest if you are making a room-share request, and by **December 20th** otherwise.

The hotel has a swimming pool – if you wish to make use of it (for example to join in with the Aquapella session described below), do bring a swimming costume!

A booking form for rooms is provided on the next page of this PR (and a Word version is attached for those receiving this PR by email); please either return it to us *via* email at demisemiquavercon@gmail.com (preferred), or you can snail mail it to us at DemiSemiQuaver, 60 Durley Dean Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6RZ. Simply entering all the required information in the body of an email is also fine – please do remember all seven points (even if the answer is "none")!

Please endeavour to get all booking forms to us by the dates above. Shortly after this, you should receive confirmation of your booking, and a reminder email will then be sent out *via* the Filk UK list to hopefully catch any stragglers and ensure no one who thinks they have booked gets missed!

If you miss the cut-off, rooms may still be available at the hotel's usual rates.

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HOTEL BOOKING FORM
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1. **Name(s)**:…….

2. Preferred contact email: …….

3. ***I/we confirm that we take responsibility for paying for this room at the convention, and understand that short-notice cancellations may need to be paid for.*** **Yes/No**

4. Are you sharing/prepared to share a room? Yes/No
(single occupancy is £72/80 per room per night, double occupancy is £77/88 per room per night; adjoining rooms £140/£160 for 4 adults per night, or £120/£140 for 2 adults & 2 children per night).

4a. **IF YES** Name of sharer(s):…….....

OR Would you like us to organise a room share for you if possible? Yes/No

5. **Room type preferred:** Single / Double / Twin / Adjoining Rooms: 4 Adults / Adjoining Rooms: 2 Adults, 2 Children

5a. **Would you like breakfast?** Yes / No

6. **Nights required:**

Friday 7th February Yes/No	Saturday 8th February Yes/No	Sunday 9th February Yes/No

6a. If you would like additional nights, please list them here:

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7. Please detail any special requirements (dietary restrictions/relevant allergies/ wheelchair access/ground floor room *etc.*):

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If you have any further questions/concerns, please feel free to contact the committee on demisemiquavercon@gmail.com.

Final Set Request Reminder

Interested in performing, or in running a workshop, at DemiSemiQuaver?

You can fill in the form on page 8 of this PR, or on the website, and email or post it to the committee (demisemiquavercon@gmail.com , or *DemiSemiQuaver, c/o K. Howe, 60 Durley Dean Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6RZ*). Don't worry if you don't know all the details of your set yet - just let us know the extra details when you can.

You can now only ask for a 30 minute slot. Please bear in mind your slot time will include set-up and teardown. If we get too many set requests, you may not get a set. Workshops will take place in the alternative programme room and can be longer.

If you're not sure what your technical requirements might be, get in touch and we'll help you work it out.

We will be finalising the programme next month, so please get any last-minute requests to us as soon as you can.

Depending on how many requests we get, we may not be able to fit everyone in, so please don't assume you have a set, or that you have the full time requested, until you've had confirmation from us.

Memberships

If your badge name is listed at the back of this PR, we have your membership form and payment as of November 23rd 2019.

How to Register

Send us the form on page 9 of this PR with a cheque, buy a membership online via TicketSource (additional booking fee applies), or register in person (cash or cheque) when you see one of us. If you are coming from overseas and are worried, contact us and we will discuss options with you.

If you have any issues with TicketSource, *e.g.* if the text boxes for you to enter names, badge names, contact details and the likes do not behave, please email us:

demisemiquavercon@gmail.com

At-Con Information

Beer & Cider – *Desperate plea for sponsors!*

As we have discovered in previous years that the Hotel's beer and cider selection is… not to everyone's tastes… we have ordered in beer and cider from a local brewery in previous years. The convention has to pay for any un-drunk beer that we order, and gauging amounts can be difficult! We therefore want to try a different system this year – **would you like to be a Beer or Cider Sponsor?**

A Beer/Cider Sponsor can select a beer or cider from the list (Colchester No 1, Jack Spitty, Tumble Down Cider) and a corresponding amount of beer/cider, and agrees to reimburse the convention for any un-drunk beer/cider from that Sponsor's pin. The Sponsor also has first dibs on taking any left-overs home.

If you would be interested in sponsoring a demi pin (18 pints, around £45), poly pin (34 pints, around £85), or even a firkin (72 pints, around £180 – although note that they want the barrel back, so you can't take any spare home with you unless you bring containers!), please drop an email to demisemiquavercon@gmail.com (or send a letter to the postal address on the membership form if you prefer).

As yet, no potential sponsors have stepped forward. If you would like to have beer or cider that isn't on the hotel's usual bar available for the convention, now is the time to let us know, or it won't happen!

Pronoun Stickers

This year we will again have pronoun stickers available for people to add to their badges. These are not required, but we would like to encourage everyone to wear one, no matter how obvious you feel your pronouns may be. This is so that everyone can be referred to with the correct pronouns without othering trans and non-binary people. People are free to change their sticker, or to have multiple stickers.

"She/her", "he/him", and "they/them" will be available, as well as blank stickers. Please check badge stickers before you refer to someone with a pronoun. If you have any further questions or suggestions please contact the convention email address: demisemiquavercon@gmail.com.

For more information on gender neutral pronouns, there is a guide at: http://motto.time.com/4327915/gender-neutral-pronouns/.

(Some of this text is adapted from https://thebodyisnotanapology.com/magazine/pronoun-round-etiquette/)

Aquapella

We plan to run an "Aquapella" session again this year – *a capella* singing in the swimming pool! Please do bring your swimwear if you would like to join us in the water. In previous years, there have been some seats near the pool for anyone who would like to join in without getting wet!

Remembering Zanda

As many of you know, we lost one of our UK filk family quite suddenly earlier this year. Zanda Myrande / Zander Nyrond was a very active member of the filk community and is very much missed. The Saturday evening filk circle in the Main Programme Room will be dedicated to Zanda's memory, so if you would like to sing, play, or read something relevant*, that will be the best time for it.

There will be a general, open, filk circle in the Alternative Programme Room.

*relevant to Zanda, that is – although we expect this circle to be sombre in parts, we absolutely do not wish to exclude any of the many funny and witty pieces written or performed by, or otherwise associated with, Zanda!

Appoggiatura – drawn by Miki Dennis, named by Zanda

Filk Fund Auction

As usual, there will be an auction to raise money for the Filk Fund – this is used to pay for the travel and accommodation for our Guests of Honour, amongst other things. Please do bring along anything you would like to contribute to the auction.

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SET REQUEST FORM
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Set Title: _____

Name(s) of act/performer(s): _____

Contact details

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Set length available: 30min

Please specify a desired duration for a workshop:_____

Tech. requirements (the more details you can give about number of performers, instruments etc., the better):

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Description for programme book:

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If you have any further requirements/info, such as days/times when you would not be available, please state it here:

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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UK Guest of Honour – Annie Griffith

International Guest of Honour – Sunnie Larsen

Membership:	Until Nov. 30th	Afterwards	Number
Adult (waged):	£ 39	£ 42	
Adult (unwaged):	£ 29	£ 32	
Child (0-17): £1 per year of age at time of sign-up			
		Total:	£

*Payment at the con. can be cash, or a cheque payable to **UK Filk Convention**, handed to a committee member. Online payment can be made via TicketSource, here: www.ticketsource.co.uk/demisemiquaver or cheques can be sent to:DemiSemiQuaver, c/o K. Howe, 60 Durley Dean Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6RZ.*

Name(s): _____

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Badge name(s): _____

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Contact (Email preferred; postal address otherwise. Add a telephone number if you wish):

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If you have any questions, the committee can be contacted at: demisemiquavercon@gmail.com

We intend to publish a list of badge names of attendees on the website and in convention Progress Reports circulated to members and to store your contact details in a database. Your details will be kept for this convention's purposes only and will not be passed on. If you are **not** happy for your data to be used in this way, please indicate here, and we will ensure that your information is not included: _____

Membership as of November 23rd 2019

Janet Maughan (C)
KT (C)
Phil (C)
Annie (G)
Sunnie (G)

Alan Thiesen
Alex
Alex
Alison Richards
Amy
Andrew January
Aunty Marion
Barbara Stewart
Billy
Bine
Blind Lemming Chiffon
Chantelle
Chris
Christo
Colin Fine
dakkar
Dale Williamson
Dave Stevenson
Debbie L.
Deborah
Declan Meenagh
Diana Joan (D.J.) Bass
Emily January
Fantom
Fhtagn
Gwen Funnell
Gwenzilla
Hitch
Jane
Janet
Jela Schmidt
Jenny H
Jenny S-T
Jessica Stevenson
John Stewart
Ju
Karen Westhead
Kate
Kathy Westhead
Katy
Kev
Lawrence Dean
Lissa
Liz
Lydia Stevenson
Mad Logician
Melusine
Michael
Michael Bernardi
Mike Richards
Mike Westhead
Miki
Minnow
Naomi Stevenson
Nat (@quarridors)
Omega
Oriole
Peter Tyers
Peter Wareham
Peter Westhead
Pippa
Rafe
Rayner
Rhodri
Rick
Robert
Robert Maughan
Roger Robinson
Senji
Shadow
Shawna
Sibylle
Silke
Simon
Songbird
Steve
Sue Edwards
Susan Booth
Talis Kimberley
Teddy
Valerie
Wolfgang
Yehuda Porath

(G) – Guest

(C) - Committee